IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of)
	Axel Grandt, et al.)
Serial No.:	10/616,125) Art Unit) 3738
Filed:	July 8, 2003)
Confirmation No.:	2218)
For:	DRUG ELUTING STENT AND METHODS OF MANUFACTURE)))
Examiner:	Brian E. Pellegrino)
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AMENDMENT "I" AND RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116

VIA *e*FILE RCE Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action mailed June 9, 2009, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 6 of this paper.